



**MICHIGAN**  
**CHAMBER**  
*of Commerce*

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Reforms, Restructuring & Reinvention Committee  
From: Jim Holcomb, Senior Vice President Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
Subject: Prohibit Collection of Union Dues by a Public School Employer (HB 4929)  
Date: March 6, 2012

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce strongly supports passage of HB 4929 which would prohibit a public school employer's use of public school resources to assist a labor organization in collecting dues or service fees.

In these challenging economic times those responsible for expending government resources must be ever vigilant that monies are being directed for the public good and that taxpayer dollars are being spent in the manner most efficient. Since the monitoring and collection of union dues requires financial resources, it should be the obligation of the union to undertake this activity and not look to taxpayers to ensure the collection of dues.

On behalf of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce we ask that you please support this important reform and ensure that public monies allocated for educating children are actually used for that purpose.

Please call me at 517-371-2100 if you have any questions.